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BLAST IN MOBILE HANDSETS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidences of mobile handset blasts are occurring in the country;

(b) if so, whether the government has taken up this matter with the mobile handset manufacturers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent such incidences?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (e) There have been approximately 100 cases reported globally where the Matsushita BL-5C battery has experienced overheating initiated by a short circuit while charging. There have been no reports of serious injuries or damage, including in India. Nokia India Pvt. Ltd. have taken pro-active action and have made a product advisory on 14th August, 2007 relating to BL-5C lithium-ion mobile phone batteries manufactured for Nokia by Matsushita Battery Industrial Co. Ltd of Japan from December, 2005 to November, 2006. A copy of the product advisory for BL-5C battery issued by Nokia India Pvt Ltd. is given in the Annexure. Nokia has offered its consumers voluntarily a free replacement battery for the batteries covered by the product advisory.